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EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which rice and wheat are being exported at present;

(b) the total quantum and value of wheat and rice exported during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to increase the export quota of rice and wheat from the current financial year;

(d) if so, the quantum of wheat and rice proposed to be exported during the current year and to which countries alongwith their rates;

(e) the steps being taken to further increase the export of rice and wheat from the country; and

(f) the action taken by the Government to ensure that Indian exports to these countries are not rejected by the importers?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): The total quantity and value of rice and wheat exported during the last three years is as under:-

Qty: MT

Value: Rs.crores

	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
Item	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Basmati rice	597793	1876.91	638382	1780.34	848919	2141.94
Non-basmati rice	4365888	4403.85	1257793	1345.58	683194	784.16
Wheat	1763	1.36	4	-	879480	444.23

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

Country-wise details of exports are given in the monthly/annual numbers of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, Copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) & (d): As per EXIM Policy, the export of rice (both basmati and non-basmati) is allowed freely subject to registration of contracts with APEDA.For the Year 2001-02, export of 3 million tonnes of rice has also been permitted out of the stocks of FCI.The export of wheat is allowed freely subject to quantitative ceilings announced by DGFT and issue of Registration-cum-Allocation-Certificates (RCACs) by APEDA. For the year 2001-02, an export ceiling of 5 million tonnes of wheat has been announced.

It is not possible to estimate the likely quantum of rice and wheat exports, their direction of exports, and the rates at which they would be exported, as the exports of rice and wheat would depend upon international demand and supply position, domestic demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preference and varieties traded.

(e) Some of the steps taken to increase the export of rice and wheat, include conducting publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in International trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products and for conducting market surveys.

(f) The pre-shipment inspection by the nominated surveyors of importers or by EIC (in case of basmati rice exports to Europe) is undertaken.